

**MINUTES OF THE H. P. DEER COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MAY 12, 2014**

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session May 12, 2014 at 7:05 p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Committee Chairman Jeff Doss called the meeting to order. Committee Members present: Nancy Swan, Carol Ingham, Michael Crevoisier, Arnold English, Barbara Schmitz, Markham Benn, Tonya Cummings, Larry Morris and Committee Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery.

**CONSENT ITEM:**

Review and approve Deer Committee meeting Minutes for Apr. 14, 2014. Date on minutes change from Mar. 10, 2014 to Apr. 14, 2014. Committee member, Larry Morris was added to those attending. Upon correction of errors, LuAnn Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Arnold English. The motion passed unanimously.

**WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS:**

No Wildlife Incident Reports were submitted; However, Marcus Benn has recently observed the absence of rabbits in the community, while two members have accounted rescue incidents and seeing them taken by owls.

**PRESENTATION:**

*H.P. Deer Committee Chairman providing updated trapping status for M. Mayfield.* Mayfield finished the H.P. Deer Management Plan for the following season and participated in the 2014 Spring Deer Census on May 6. He said he would send a copy to Chairman Jeff Doss who will in turn send it to City Secretary Janice Alamia for distribution to remaining Deer Committee members to review prior to June meeting. Doss recommends responses returned to Ms. Janice. Mayfield will attend the June meeting to give a presentation regarding this document. Some committee members expressed the fact they were impressed with Mayfield's knowledge and commitment.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

*Mayor Elect, Chris Fails* commented that he had reviewed the deer season 2014-15 H.P. Deer Management Plan and says, "it's thorough."

*Karen Waugh* said she thought the 2014 Spring census was done smoothly and that seeing Hollywood Park Police Department's participation was refreshing.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. *Review, discuss and take possible action on recommendation for Deer Crossing signs in Hollywood Park.*  
Tonya Cummings spoke with EDC during their last meeting Feb. 27, 2014 when they included deer signs with oak wilt signs, bicycle signs, pedestrian signs, etc. It was the Economic Development Committee that determined the size, shape, color, design and location of the signs based on an independent community design contractor hired for Hollywood Park. She has correlated with EDC, making comments of concern for cautionary signs rather than branding guidelines with EDC and the esthetics of the community. It appears the signs are being more cosmetic than the street legal cautionary message the Deer Committee is trying to send to automobile drivers. She emphasized the impact of deer signs being strategically placed for traffic reasons. A possible 12 deer signs provided by EDC will allow for less than originally asked; however, we were told that our street legal cautionary signs should not detract from the park. Larry Morris reminded the committee that the first fawn fatality of Spring 2013 was recorded as early as April 17. "They're going to begin becoming a traffic nuisance", he said. Further comments included the timely manner in which we must now manifest actual signs in a short period of time from the request and possibly consider campaign-like signs for residents to purchase and post on their property. Speed limit modification is still being discussed within City Council. Another member suggests outlining the EDC deer signs in yellow reflective tape in addition to "Caution – SLOW" verbiage. One saying, "we're trying to compromise with EDC on their concept of how deer signs should look. It was suggested that Brent Lang with EDC may be the best individual to correlate this matter. Both T. Cummings and N. Swan may meet with Mr. Lang during May 22 EDC meeting, with Mayor Fails facilitating. Ms. Cummings recommended we accept and compromise with EDC on their 12 deer signs and get committee input on additional cautionary signs. Round table voting from each member for top 3 of suggested 16 sign designs resulted in nos. 6 & 16. Also, recommendations of EDC signs be posted in highest vehicle incident areas. Comment made by another member points out statistics and areas of high mortality have seasonal

illuminated caution signs, maybe within 3-4 locations of the park during rut and while fawns are getting accustomed to their new surroundings.

2. ***Review, discuss and take possible action on results from H.P. 2014 Spring Deer Census.***

Thanks to David Swan in developing and consolidating the maps and information. Much appreciation to H.P. P.D. was also expressed. More documented mortality and observations of the count of 123 was expected. The ratio of doe:buck remains unbalanced. Nancy Swan passed out seasonal information on previous census results, reflecting individual route counts, suggesting documented H.P. deer activity supporting data be maintained at a neutral location, such as City Hall.

3. ***Review, discuss and take possible action on the disposition and/or collection of antlers from expired bucks.***

Tonya Cummings spoke with a TPW game warden, inquiring of antler disposition on dead carcasses. The game warden stated the antlers belong to the State of Texas and that if we had a large buck carcass, we may call them regarding pick up.

**CONSIDERATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE DEER MEETINGS:**


1. Review, discuss and take possible action on recommendation for Deer Crossing signs in Hollywood Park.
2. Review, discuss and take possible action on proposed H.P. Deer Management Plan for 2014-15 season.
3. Review, discuss and take possible action on reported May 2014 Urban Wildlife Conference, attended by 5 committee members.

The schedule for the next H.P. Deer Committee Meeting was set for June 9, 2014. Barbara Schmitz made a motion to accept the next meeting schedule/agenda and adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Arnold English. The motion passed unanimously.

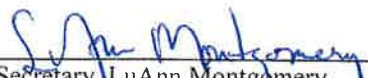
**ADJOURNED:**

Chairman, Jeff Doss adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ( )  
CORRECTED ( ) THIS 9 DAY OF JUNE, 2014.

  
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Chairman, Jeff Doss

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery

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City Attorney